

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Twin Houses Inventory Number: PG: 71B-2-24
Address: 8616 and 8618 Maple Avenue City: Bowie Zip Code: 20720
County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Laurel
Owner: HUD (8616); Jennifer L. Coale (8618) Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: Lots 65,64 Tax Map Number: 29 Tax Account ID Number: 1693985/1692763
Project: Baltimore-Washington Maglev Amtrak Agency: MTA
Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes X no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Form (PG: 71B-2-24); Historic Town of Bowie tour booklet, Maryland Real Property tax records

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

These two houses set side-by-side on Maple Avenue at 9th Street were built as a nearly-identical pair. Both are two-story, two-bay, gable-front frame homes set on low concrete foundations, and both have full-width, hip-roofed front porches. Their roofs have a moderate pitch with partial eave returns. Each house has a two-story, one-bay-deep gable-roofed rear extension which is slightly lower than the main block of the house. Both houses have been extensively modernized with aluminum siding, one-over-one replacement windows, and new front doors. Their porches feature slender square posts with plain spindlework along the top and wooden balustrades and floors below. 8616 Maple Avenue's balustrade has plain vertical balusters, while the balustrade at 8618 has its original latticework pattern.

According to local history, these houses were constructed c. 1870 for railroad employees, which would make them some of the oldest surviving structures in town. Maryland tax records date them as having been built in 1900. Stylistically, the later date is probably more accurate, as these houses closely resemble others built shortly after 1900 with minimal Queen Anne detail. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad constructed them as employee housing, and their one-room-wide "shotgun" form is common in railroad suburbs that developed around the turn of the century. This kind of house was popular from the late 1800s until World War I. A few other examples of this type of house can be found elsewhere in Bowie, and some survive in other local railroad suburbs.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

CONTRIBUTES TO DISTRICT (PG: 71B-2)

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

8/14/03
Date
8/15/03
Date

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These houses, though a distinct pair of twins and a well-known local landmark, have lost considerable integrity due to extensive modernization of their exteriors. The pair is recommended not eligible for the NRHP on an individual basis, but is a contributing element to the recommended-eligible Bowie-Huntington Survey District.

Prepared by: Kate Farnham, John Milner AssociatesDate Prepared: 10/16/2002



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Twin Houses, 8616 + 8618 Maple Ave., Bowie

Bowie - Huntington Survey District, PG: 71B-2

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View to NW

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View to SW

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-24 Building Date: ca. 1870

Building Name: "Twin House"

Location: 8616 Maple Avenue, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The "twin house" at 8616 Maple Avenue is a two-story front-gabled frame house which stands on one of the original narrow lots in the Huntington subdivision. The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding, and aluminum also covers the returned cornices. The windows have been replaced with 1/1 modern sashes, and all are fitted with louvered dark green aluminum shutters. Entrance is in the first bay of the two-bay east gable front, sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch across east gable front. The porch has a plain rail balustrade, and a narrow rail frieze. There is slightly lower one-bay addition to the rear, flush with the main block.

Significance

The two "twin houses" (the subject house and the house immediately adjoining it on the north) were constructed soon after the platting of the Huntington subdivision in 1870; they were built by the railroad company for its employees. These two modest dwellings represent a form of the "shotgun" house plan, with rooms lined up directly behind one another. The two houses are probably among the earliest built in the railroad junction town of Huntington/ Bowie. The subject house has been somewhat more substantially altered than the house of the same plan immediately to the north.

Acreage: 2,500 Square feet

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Twin House"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8616 Maple Avenue not for publicationcity, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bernard Walter

street & number 8616 Maple Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20720

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6689

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 894

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG#71B-2-24

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1870

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG71B-2-24

Prince George's County Deeds, Plats, Tax Assessments; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900, 1910; Huntington Prospectus, 1870.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2500 sq ft

TM 29, Block 8, lot 65

Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

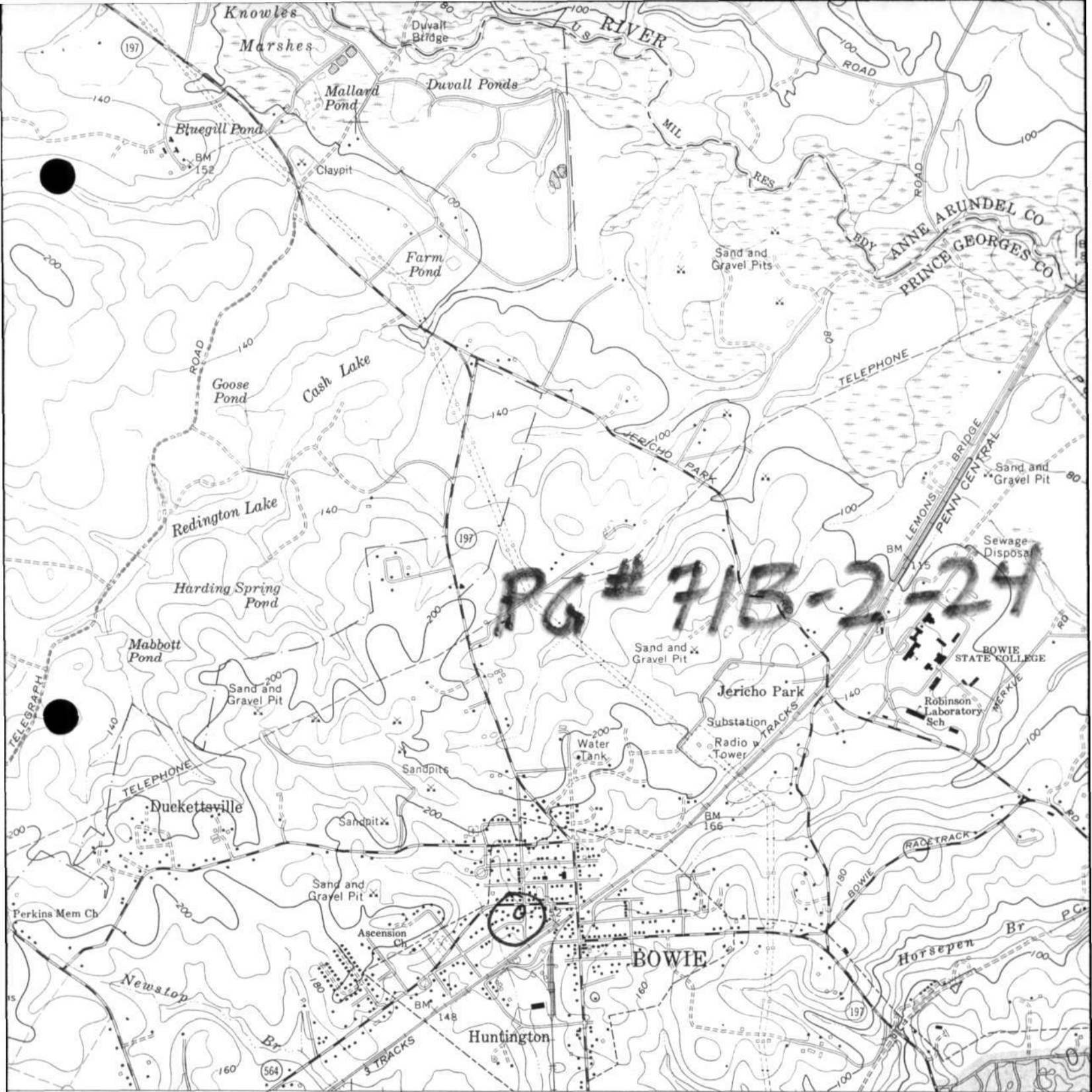
11. Form Prepared By

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	Prince George's County		
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438



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1 KILOMETER

20 FEET

SEA LEVEL

PG# 71B-2-24

"Twin House"

Bowie

Prince George's County

Laurel Quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

γ-duty ——— Light-duty ———

μm-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———

U.S. Route State Route

Interstate Route

LAUREL, MD.

SE/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE

N3900—W7645/7.5

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

VEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

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Tarn Horse
8616 Maple Avenue, Boise
Id. Co.
Susan H. Pearl
November 1991
Southeast $\frac{3}{4}$ elevation